



# Power Outage Leaves Valley Residents Short

MIDWAY—Heber Light and Power crews responded immediately to an emergency situation as power to the entire valley was cut-off for an hour and 15 minutes on Tuesday afternoon.

Ray Farrell, Manager for Heber Light, explained that the problem occurred in a transformer in the Heber Valley Special Service District transformer, which blew out all the fuses in the Midway Switch rack.

Apparently, according to Farrell, a bird flew through the main 5000 kva sub-station transformer in Midway. The transformer arched through the bird, and kept arching, which burned out the Westinghouse transformer, causing the outage.

"If it hadn't been for the back-up systems that the company has built-in, the power might still be off," stated Farrell. It was explained that the HVSSD is running off of power from another transformer, being switched through.

It took the crews only twenty minutes to locate the exact problem, despite the fact that the Main fuses were ruined. Power was later shut off for another 15 minutes as a faulty fuse was replaced.

The damages to the transformer have been estimated at \$45,000 with \$11,000 damage to a switch station.

Westinghouse inspectors came to Heber City or Wednesday mor-

ning, and proposed that the transform could be repaired for a savings to the company. The switches that were damaged were completely ruined however.

"It's nice that the company is organized and equipped so that it could handle an accident like this, with as little as possible delay," said Farrell.

The rate payer will not be affected with increases in their monthly billing, since the Power Company has a contingency fund that is set up to take care of such emergencies.

Farrell explained that this was just one of those things that happen. It wasn't due to faulty equipment or lack of maintenance, but a strange coincidence of events.

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Westinghouse inspector, manufacturer of the electrical transformer that blew out, checks for abnormal damages the structure. A bird was blamed for the electrical outage that struck Heber Valley residents on Tuesday afternoon. Inset shows the damages that occurred from the arching of the transformer.



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gressman Howard Neilson, in a joint news conference in the United States Capital, announced that an agreement had been reached regarding the RARE II Wilderness Proposal.

Areas close to the Wasatch area which will be affected by the proposal will be the addition of nearly 12,000 acres to the High Uintas and the Mt. Timpanogos area remaining the same at 10,750 acres.

Congressman Neilson stated that "I believe that the legislation is now able to move through Congress quickly with the final

has been a long process but I am sure it was worth the effort. Last night there were still a number of unresolved problems, and I was pleased at the way Congressman Seiberling, Senator [unclear] and Congressman Hansen were able to act so quickly and favorably on the wilderness issue. I think the agreement is a fair compromise." The bill will now be marked up; the Subcommittee on Public Lands and National Parks (of the House Interior Committee) chaired by Representative Seiberling (Ohio).

There will be 3 divisions again this year.  
 Senior Division: 19 and over; 1st place, \$30.; 2nd place, \$20.; and 3rd place, \$15.; Call Maxine Carlile 654-0305, Joyce Duke 654-1507.

Richardson 654-0700, Doris Mahoney 654-0817.  
 Tom Beck of KSL Radio fame will again be Master of ceremonies.  
 Our special guest artist will be the exciting country western group "The Muddy Water Band."

# From One Classic...

Our Beginning... 1906



will be held August 2 (Thursday) at the high school auditorium.

Sign-up deadline is July 20 (Friday). Each talent number can

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## Friends of Library Public Opinion Survey

The Friends of the Library Association is seeking opinions from Wasatch County residents about the Library and how they would improve the Wasatch County Library.

1. How would you improve the physical plant?  
 (Number the following 1-5, 1 being best option)

- Repair present building roof and plumbing
- Add on to present building
- Build new building, on small scale
- Build new building in modular, add on style
- Build new building bond issue plan

2. Do you favor a branch in Midway? —Yes —No

3. How adequate, to you, are the services and collections at the library?

- (Check one each item)
- Paperback Collection
  - Hardback fiction
  - Non-fiction hardback
  - Magazine collection
  - Staff assistance to patron
  - Reference collection
  - Audio visual collection
  - Young Adult's collection

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